

## Provisional Vital Statistics for March 2016

**Live Births** decreased slightly in March as 6,294 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,373 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March also decreased slightly. For January-March, births decreased from 18,165 to 18,071.

**Deaths** decreased in March as 5,191 Missourians died compared with 5,486 in March, 2015. Deaths also decreased for the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For January-March, there were 15,305 Missouri resident deaths or 6.6 percent less than the 16,379 for the similar time period in 2015.

The **Natural Increase** in March for Missourians was 1,103 (6,294 births minus 5,191 deaths). The natural increase rose for both the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For the 12 months ending with March, the natural increase went up from 15,508 to 16,212.

**Marriages** increased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with March, marriages increased by 2 percent from 40,589 to 41,411.

**Dissolutions of Marriage** increased in March and for the first quarter of the year. However for the 12 months ending with March, dissolutions decreased from 19,808 in 2015 to 19,376. For the 12 months ending with March, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 2.05 to 2.14.

**Infant Deaths** increased in March as 47 Missouri infants died compared with 38 in March of 2015. For the 12 months ending with March, the infant death rate increased from 6.2 to 6.4 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>March</u>				<u>January-March</u>				<u>12 months ending with March</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Live Births</b> .....	6,373	6,294	12.3	12.2	18,165	18,071	12.1	11.9	75,062	74,948	12.5	12.4	12.3
<b>Deaths</b> .....	5,486	5,191	10.6	10.0	16,379	15,305	10.9	10.1	59,554	58,736	9.3	9.8	9.6
<b>Natural increase</b> .....	887	1,103	1.7	2.1	1,786	2,766	1.2	1.8	15,508	16,212	3.2	2.6	2.7
<b>Marriages</b> .....	2,325	2,359	4.5	4.6	5,771	5,805	3.8	3.8	40,589	41,411	6.5	6.7	6.8
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,672	1,735	3.2	3.4	4,524	4,570	3.0	3.0	19,808	19,376	3.4	3.3	3.2
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	38	47	6.0	7.5	128	116	7.0	6.4	463	477	6.5	6.2	6.4
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)	....	....	6,084	6,103	....	....	6,084	6,103	....	....	6,049	6,069	6,089

\* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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